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WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE HEAD OF THE CIA TODAY DEFENDED HIS AGENCY'S REPORT ON ENERGY, SAYING IT DRAWS ON INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ABOUT WORLD RESERVES -- ESPECIALLY IN THE SOVIET UNION -- NOT AVAILABLE TO OTHER ENERGY FORECASTERS.

ADM. STANSFIELD TURNER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CIA REPORT, WHICH CLAIMS WORLD ENERGY CONSUMPTION WILL SURPASS PRODUCTION BY 1985, IS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN OTHER ANALYSES.

BUT HE TOLD A HOUSE ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE CIA'S PREDICTION THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL CHANGE FROM AN EXPORTER TO A SUBSTANTIAL IMPORTER OF OIL BY THE EARLY 1980S "IS CRUCIAL TO OUR ANALYSIS."

PRESIDENT CARTER CITED THE REPORT IN HIS APPEAL TO AMERICANS TO CONSERVE MORE ENERGY AND TO BOLSTER HIS OVERALL ENERGY PROGRAM CALLING FOR NEW TAXES ON FUELS AND ON THEIR INEFFICIENT USE.

PART OF THE CIA STUDY WAS MADE PUBLIC LAST WEEK. TURNER DECLASSIFIED ANOTHER SECTION OF IT TODAY, DEALING PRINCIPALLY WITH THE SOVIET OIL SITUATION, AND USED IT IN HIS HOUSE TESTIMONY.

TURNER ALSO TESTIFIED THAT THE CIA ANALYSIS ONLY CONSIDERED OIL AND GAS RESERVES THAT COULD BE PUT INTO PRODUCTION BY 1985, AND DID NOT ATTEMPT TO MAKE LONG-RANGE PROJECTIONS BASED ON UNDISCOVERED RESERVES.

HE DID NOT DISPUTE A RECENT UNITED NATIONS STUDY THAT CLAIMED THAT THE WORLD HAD ENOUGH GAS AND OIL TO LAST ANOTHER CENTURY, OR SOMEWHAT SIMILAR FINDINGS BY THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

TURNER ALSO SAID THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION DID NOT ASK FOR THE CIA STUDY. "THE PRESIDENT WAS SURPRISED WHEN I HANDED IT TO HIM. HE DIDN'T KNOW I WAS DOING IT," THE CIA CHIEF TOLD REPORTERS AFTER HIS TESTIMONY.

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These comments represent the initial and tentative reaction of the CIA Operations Center and of the appropriate analytic component in the Agency.